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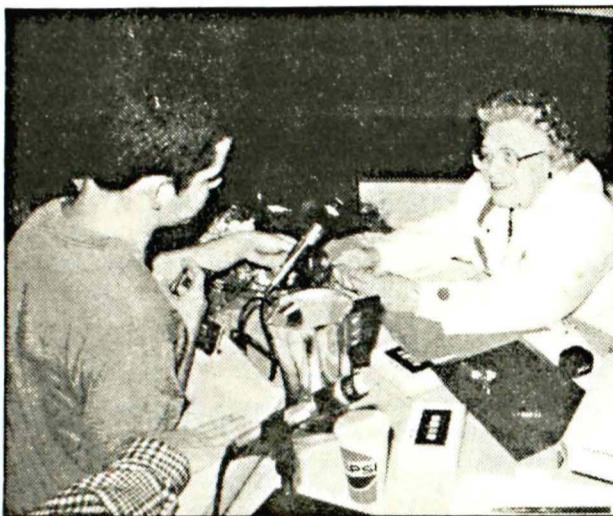
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## The goodbye girl



June Mott of Lemon Grove talks to well-wishers at her final Grossmont Union High School District Governing Board meeting last week. Mott, who taught at Mount Miguel High School for 29 years, is retiring from the district board after a 12-year tenure. She plans to pursue writing and organ lessons.

Photo by Steven Saint

## Earthquake, maybe, but the 'Big One' may be just a police barricade away

by Cheryl Cohen

Imagine it's Halloween and you decide to join the other parents and kids for the trick-or-treat rounds of your neighborhood. As you shut and lock the door to your apartment, you decide not to bring your purse, just for safety's sake.

Just as you and your little goblins are rounding the corner of your street, the SWAT team arrives at your building, trying to talk a tenant with a gun out of doing something stupid. They evacuate all the apartments, shuffling the remaining tenants to a school close by.

An hour later, you return to find you can't get into your apartment. You can't get your car keys, your son's asthma medication, your daughter's diapers or even your ATM card. It's 7:00 at night and your kids are smeared with fake vampire blood, are cranky and hungry. As you're directed to join the others from your apartments at the school, you have no idea that the stand-off is going to last another eight hours.

This example might seem extreme, but it is very close to what actually happened in Lemon Grove a couple of weeks ago, as related by Red Cross volunteer Toni Espinoza.

She was one of the speakers at "How to Survive an Earthquake," a seminar sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lemon Grove on Nov. 7.

Bishop Charles Attal gathered representatives from utility companies, city government, fire district, hospital, school district and law enforcement agencies to speak about policies and probabilities in the case a disaster hit Lemon Grove. To many in the crowded sanctuary, the information showed that what they didn't know could be hazardous to their health.

When people think of disaster preparedness, they usually think of a catastrophic event, such as earthquakes or hurricanes. Most of the time, however, it is something much different. Some people try to stay prepared as a way of life, such as members of the Mormon church. But during good times, it's easy to put the issue on the back burner.

Attal said his church advocates being prepared and self-reliant rather than depending on the government in times of crisis. The church has its own welfare system and employment agency for its members.

Out of each ward, or congregation, one or two people teach

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Help**



Members of the Cannery display food preservation techniques and samples at a recent disaster preparedness seminar.

Photo by Cheryl Cohen

other members in the "art of preparedness," which in turn is passed along to others.

Every so often the churches have surprise a "mock disaster" on a regional basis. Afterwards, the churches are to report how they fared. The last time, Attal said, his church's dismal performance was downright embarrassing to report.

"If that were real, we would have had some bad problems," Attal admitted. "Then, I started thinking, why should this kind of disaster preparedness just be for church members? Let's extend ourselves into the community. Not to prothesize, but just to invite everyone to learn from this experience."

The city of Lemon Grove functions under the Incident Command System, or ICS, in order to obtain needed "mutual aid" resources from outside the city limits and obtain state and FEMA funding for disasters.

Since the 1991 Oakland fires, standard procedures have been adopted statewide to ensure that every level of government approaches disaster in the same manner.

All city employees will double as emergency workers if the ICS is activated. From the city manager to the city attorney, each has specific duties and areas which they will handle and coordinate.

An emergency command center would be set up in the Lemon Grove Fire Station, which has a specially-built room for this purpose. School auditoriums as well as the city's recreation center will serve as emergency shelters. Helix High School will serve as a temporary morgue.

When disaster hits, your family members could be anywhere — how will you find each other? How will you know if they are safe?

Teachers and staff from schools will become the historians and family reunion coordinators in an emergency. Doug Adams, safety coordinator of San Diego City Schools, said that educators are not going to release the children to just anyone.

"You have to sit down and talk to your kids about what to do if

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## Former Miss Santee soon to be state's new First Lady

by Ninette Sosa

Don Ryer's plan for Thanksgiving is the same as usual: a turkey dinner at his long-time Santee home with at least a few of his seven children and their families.

Daughter Sharon Ryer Davis and her husband aren't sure if they can make it down as in past years.

That's understandable. Sharon's husband is the newly elected governor of California, Gray Davis.

Sharon Davis, a petite blond with an endearing smile, remembers growing up in the hills of Santee's most northwestern corner.

In 1963, her father retired from the military and he and his wife searched for a place to live in San Diego County.

They found one of the first housing tracts in the community. Her mother was a stay-at-home mom. Dad was retired and there was plenty to do.

"It was a great place to grow up ... lots of open space," she said, recalling climbing hills and fishing at Santee Lakes.

She learned how to swim at a public pool at the lakes and the



Sharon Ryer Davis

Brown's 1978 re-election campaign.

"My parents are Republican," she said. "When I told them who he was, they said they could understand him working in government, but they couldn't understand anybody who would want to get Jerry Brown re-elected!"

The Ryers met him and found him an acceptable suitor.

Davis is now preparing for a job similar to the one she did while wearing the Santee crown, now replaced by the hat of the state's First Lady.

## Variety of programs highlight week for Lemon Grove Library

### Book sale Saturday

The Friends of the Lemon Grove Library will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway.

Donated used books and magazines will be displayed at prices of 10 cents for magazines, 25 cents for paperbacks and 50 cents for hard-bound books.

The group has assembled new selections for every reading taste, including novels, mystery, travel, children's, science, cooking and history.

Sales are presented bi-monthly by the Friends and held at the library in the patio and conference room. Funds raised go to the support of the library and its programs. Donations of used books are always welcomed and may be left at the library.

### Book swap celebrates Children's Book Week

The Lemon Grove Library will oversee a book swap from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Saturday. The event is to celebrate Children's Book Week, which has taken place annually since 1919 when Franklin K. Mathews, chief librarian for the Boy Scouts of America proposed the special week to encourage children to read.

Children and young adults who bring used books from home will be able to trade them for an equal number of different books.

### Third to sixth-grade homework assistance program

An afterschool homework assistance program, geared to children in the grades three to six will be held from 3 - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays at The Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway in Lemon Grove.

Volunteers listen to students practice reading, quiz them for spelling tests and check simple math problems. One hour per week is scheduled to start, but plans call for more hours for the program.

### Bilingual preschool storytime programs

The Lemon Grove Branch of the San Diego County Library now presents a preschool storytime program in Spanish from 11:30 a.m. - noon, every Friday morning. Preschool storytime in English takes place from 10:30 - 11 a.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information on the above programs, please call Sonya Heiserman, Branch Librarian, at 463-9819.

## Sheriff's Log

### Nov. 4, 1998

2400 blk. Milton Head Pl. Auto theft. \$4,000 value.  
7500 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$129.36 value.  
3500 blk. Main St. Petty theft. \$370 value.

### Nov. 5, 1998

Broadway. Petty theft. \$21 value.

### Nov. 5-6, 1998

1600 blk. Cameron St. Residential burglary. \$2,600 value.  
7000 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. \$700 value.

### Nov. 7-9, 1998

1600 blk. Cameron Dr. Residential burglary. Value unknown.

### Nov. 8, 1998

2600 blk. Main St. Vehicle burglary. \$530 value.

7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Residential burglary. \$229 value

### Nov. 8-9, 1998

6600 blk. Federal Blvd. Grand theft. \$2,300.

### Nov. 9, 1998

7800 blk. Carlisle Dr. Stolen vehicle. Value unknown.

## Saving Sergeant Daniels!

You are invited to join us and our special guest speaker, Danny Daniels, as he shares his dynamic and inspirational life story.

Daniels is a USMC Vietnam veteran and the author of *Mortal Midnight*.

He also serves with the Billy Graham Crusade Team, and is an international speaker.

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### High/Low

November	9	66	51
November	10	73	45
November	11	65	49
November	12	70	40
November	13	78	48
November	14	80	50
November	15	75	46

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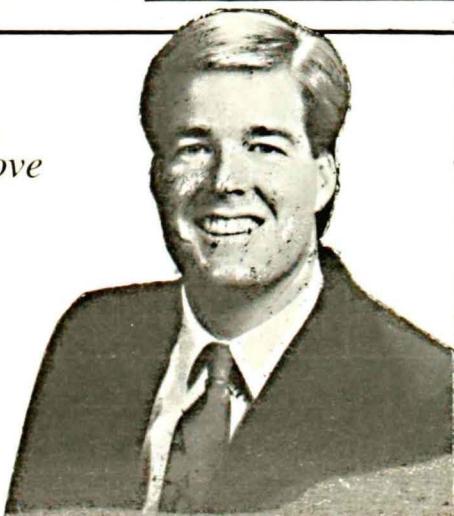
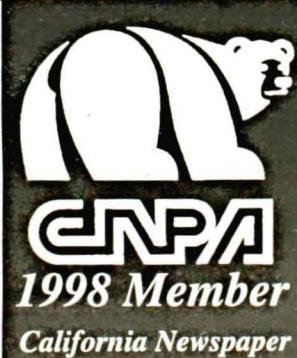
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## Lemon Twist

Prepared for anything

### by Cheryl Cohen

The Lemon Grove Historical Society has launched its annual History Art Contest for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 in Lemon Grove schools, both public and private. The deadline for entries is Dec. 1, when art work will be picked up at the individual schools.

This year's contest theme is "Diversity," referring to the Gold Rush of 1849 when millions of people from around the country and the world came to Walter's Jewelry. Many remained in Lemon Grove, one of the most diverse communities in the United States, where you can get a Greek salad at almost any Mexican restaurant. For information about the contest, call 466-3122. For a menu, call Rancho La Leña at 462-2259.

Since attending the disaster-preparedness seminar, I've been doing a lot of thinking about my own survival plan. Of course, depending on the type of disaster, the plan could change – but certain elements could be universal. I thought I'd share them with you:

1. EVACUATION. I remember reading somewhere that in the event of enemy attack, everyone in San Diego is advised to get in their cars, roll up the windows and drive to Denver. Rather than sit in traffic all the way to Colorado (or even at the light on Lemon Grove Avenue), I'd just as soon get the agony over with right away, so my plan is to put the dog in the truck and drive towards the blast.

2. DETERMINE THE BEST ESCAPE ROUTES FROM YOUR HOME. I've decided that "out" would be good.

3. CREATE A DISASTER PLAN. Working together as a team is important, so I discussed the types of disasters with my dog, and I'm pretty sure he's got it all nailed down. Whether it's enemy attack, alien abduction or dog-catcher, there's always the possibility that we could get separated. The location plan goes two ways: I follow the dog-hair trail; he follows the Snickers wrappers.

4. ASSEMBLE FIRST AID KIT. I'd probably want to feel as good as possible through any major ordeal, so the kit should include chocolate and a well-equipped pharmacist – preferably a good-looking one. This would make both me and my mother feel good.

5. ASSEMBLE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. No, I think the first aid kit just about does it. If not, there may still be time to get to a 99-cent store.

6. NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS. They say to know your neighbors' special skills. So, after checking them all out I decided to lock the house up as tight as possible and then to defer to item number one.

7. SNIFF FOR GAS LEAKS. What, are they kidding? I grew up with two brothers; I've paid my dues.

8. SHOW FAMILY MEMBERS HOW AND WHEN TO TURN OFF THE GAS. I've tried this, and I'm telling you – sometimes, there's just no cooperation.

9. LEAVE A NOTE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. My usual "Meet me at the Pelikan Pub" note should serve just as well as a new one.

10. CALL YOUR FAMILY CONTACT. I've arranged a contact in China, just to make the relaying of my location more interesting.

Send all your disaster plans and press releases to *The Review*, or if it's really an emergency, send them directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax) or you can e-mail me at [curious@cts.com](mailto:curious@cts.com). Help is on its way.

## Upcoming Events

### Workshop Choir to present gospel concert

The Harold Allen & Friends Workshop Choir will present a gospel concert called "An Evening of Thanks and Praise" at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Greater Victory Baptist Church, 2770 Glebe Road in Lemon Grove. The choir will be joined by special guests First Commandment, Cheryl Dearing & "Blessed." For more information, call 668-6924.

## Obituary

### Catherine Frances Stubbs

Catherine Frances Stubbs, 84, of Lemon Grove, died Nov. 9. Born Jan. 19, 1914 in Golden Hill, she lived in the area most of her life.

She was the second of nine children born to Joe and Annie Starkey who owned a dairy in Encanto.

She loved to run and played baseball with brothers and other boys living in the area. By the early age of 16, she was tiding with her older brother, Joe Jr., on his motorcycle. He belonged to a motorcycle club where she met her first husband, Logan Lewis, who was a sailor and president of the club. They were married October 1930.

In August of 1936 her mother, Annie, died of cancer. Two months later she lost her husband to cancer, leaving her widowed at 22.

Six to seven months later, she met and married Hibbard Stubbs. After a short courtship, they were married Oct. 27, 1937.

After the war they lived in house on property her husband and brother (Joe, jr.) bought in 1948 where she lived until Hibbard Stubbs, who had retired after a 23 year career in the Navy, passed away after 59 years of marriage.

Mrs. Stubbs was very active in the Lemon Grove VFW Auxiliary of Post 2082. Holding several offices including Chaplain and President, Frances was involved in many community service activities. Also active in Girl Scouts and was a Brownie Troop Leader.

Stubbs leaves four children, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, most still living in San Diego.

The family invites visitors to the viewing from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday and services at 2 p.m. on Monday at in the Salli Lynn Chapel, Greenwood Memorial Park.

## Commentary

by Paul Treske

Imagine you're Kenneth Starr. From the day they gave you the job of investigating the Clintons, you have pursued your labors with the zeal of Torquemada and the persistence of the Energizer Bunny.

At first it was the backwaters of Arkansas and the Whitewater deal. Thousands of hours and \$30 million later, you had voluminous evidence strongly suggestive of under-the-table dealings and a handful of local indictments including that state's hapless governor. But nothing yet seemed to resonate with the great and lazy American public.

Then, you breezed onto the beltway and tried your hand with the Travel Office fiasco and the missing personnel files. But even this failed to attract the riveting attention that you believed your efforts deserved. Then, through the Paula Jones case, you first heard the name Lewinsky, and at last your efforts were rewarded.

Unable to get to Monica herself early on, you squeezed her mother until she wept. You charged headlong into the White House staff, the Secret Service, the Clinton lawyers and friends and finally, with a grand jury at your back you wrung a confession of tawdry sexual activity from the president.

This seemed to resonate with press and public and you marched on Capitol Hill with a pile of evidence of perjury et al. heavy enough to drag down a half dozen White Houses.

### Reel thoughts

## Movies for grown-ups? You betcha!

by Betty Jo Tucker

Children's films like "A Bug's Life," "Babe: Pig in the City," "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Rugrats Movie" will take over most movie theaters this month.

Still, grown-ups should be satisfied with at least two November releases — "Elizabeth," a historical thriller from Gramercy Pictures, and "Living Out Loud," a modern romantic comedy from New Line Cinema.

Each of these films documents the soul-searching of a woman who must come to terms with her true self and her relationships with men.

Elizabeth Tudor (Cate Blanchett), daughter of Henry VIII, and Judith Nelson (Holly Hunter), a 5th Avenue New Yorker, live over 400 years apart. Even so, they share similar problems. Both know something about betrayal.

Judith's wealthy doctor husband has dumped her for a younger woman. Elizabeth's lover is secretly married to another. Judith turns to the elevator operator in her apartment building (Danny DeVito) for consolation. Elizabeth relies more and more on her Master of Spies, Lord Walsingham (Geoffrey Rush) and on her own judgment.

Blanchett ("Oscar and Lucinda") and Hunter ("The Piano") give glorious performances. But there are additional reasons to put these films on your must-see list. "Elizabeth," master-



Holly Hunter and Danny DeVito star in New Line Cinema's adult comedy, "Living Out Loud."

fully directed by Shekhar Kapur, covers a period of English history seldom seen on screen.

Most films about The Virgin Queen have dealt with later years of her long reign (44 years!). This visually stunning version shows how she managed to become monarch and consolidate her power in the face of so many conspiracies.

"Living Out Loud" presents the delightful surprise of DeVito ("L.A. Confidential") as a romantic lead. And he sings, too! DeVito's fans will love his rendition of "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

Clever use of music adds to the charm of this entertaining film. Queen Latifah belts out

wonderful blues numbers in a change of pace for this popular Rap star. And Hunter joins over 50 professional dancers for a provocative fantasy dance sequence.

First-time director Richard LaGravenese based his original "Living Out Loud" screenplay on themes from two Anton Chekhov stories, "The Kiss" and "Misery."

"I wanted to tell a very personal story about people and the journeys they make to find their place in life," he states in the production notes.

While Elizabeth Tudor and Judith Nelson travel through different times and places, their journeys provide valuable lessons for any age.

*Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.*  
— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

### Star witness...

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## PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

Grave spinning

George Washington must be spinning in his grave. Or perhaps it's Madison, Adams, Franklin or even Jefferson who is turning over in his.

The specter of this possible post-mortem spinning and/or turning over is invoked often these days. Every time some observer sees a political act, deed or outcome that is not expected, it's the image of one of our founders moving around wildly in his final resting place that is invoked. With all that has happened in the last few months, our poor founding fathers must feel like they're on a permanent spin cycle or an out of control rotisserie.

Can't you picture our first president rubbing his temples and wondering, "Jesse who? And what the heck is a body slam?"

It's understandable that George would be confused. The Greco-Roman wrestling that he might have been familiar with would bear no resemblance to today's version of the sport. Besides, the former professional wrestler who started Mr. Washington spinning, choked, kicked and sucker-punched his opponents.

Somehow I don't think those tactics would have met with George's approval. But nonetheless, Jesse "The Mind" Ventura is now the governor-elect of Minnesota, and as they say, George Washington was likely spinning in his grave when he heard the news.

Thomas Jefferson probably turned over a few times in his grave when he heard about the resignation of that graying, slightly overweight, baby-boom southern politician with immense power. Probably wondered if the guy's middle name was Jefferson.

Well, it wasn't William Jefferson Clinton who resigned. It was Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich who quit. I'm sure Jefferson wondered about that. Especially now, since he, like Clinton, has a DNA monkey on his back. Newt caught with his rhetoric up, leaves; Bill caught with his zipper down, stays. One crazy place this town you helped found.

John Adams couldn't have escaped the grave gyrations either. How about him spinning or turning over because of the Gray Davis story? A one-time party functionary now the leader of his party. First, he beats two egocentric millionaires in the primary. Then he gets lucky enough in the general election to go against a Republican who bobbed and weaved, veered to the right a little too often and had a tough time when the hot TV lights came on. The voters of California gave Gray Davis a four-year lease on the governor's mansion and John Adams a wake-up call.

The other big race in California had to shake up one of the founders as much as the Gray Davis story. How about the U.S. Senate race getting Mr. James Madison's attention? The Republican candidate for the Senate made Gray Davis look like a Las Vegas showman. So, a lot of Republican folks figured that tried and true, slow and easy, was what the voters would be looking for after six years of Boxer barrages. Boy, were they wrong. The voters ended up sending the senator who was said to be too liberal to win reelection back to the capitol for six more years. Mr. Madison may not stop spinning in his grave for quite a while.

One final election result had to set at least one founder in motion. How about the results for mayor in El Cajon? When Mark Lewis won in El Cajon, I bet Benjamin Franklin was propelled right out of his final resting place. Probably did a double backflip. He might have even felt the same kind of jolt he experienced when he went kite-flying. What a shock. Who would have thought there were that many pot-bellied pig owners in El Cajon? I bet Ben's looking for a couple of aspirins. He could probably find some over at Joan Shoemaker's house.

## Letters to the Editor

### That biased and opinionated piece of tripe

I was appalled when I read your front page article by Jake Christie ["Five Months with the Christian Coalition," Nov. 5 issue]. It was completely tasteless. Not only did Jake join the Christian Coalition under false pretenses, but he reveled in finding out anything he perceived as "bad" or fanatical. I would not classify that as responsible journalism.

I have lived in La Mesa for over 16 years and have never read such a one-sided, negative article in any La Mesa publication. I expect to see an apology to the Christian Coalition or at least an article espousing their virtues in your next edition.

Be aware that I am *not* a member of the Christian Coalition (you can have your "undercover" guy check that out). Your article motivated me to disregard your paper, not the Christian Coalition.

BARBARA RADICE  
La Mesa

*Editor's note: We did, in fact, run a lengthy letter from Christian Coalition Chairman Don Smith espousing his group's virtues in our Oct. 22 issue.*

As a Catholic Christian who does not belong to the Christian Coalition, I have to say I believe they have a right to get their message out. I found the voter guide very helpful, in addition to other information on candidates and issues.

I'm tired of the label "right-wing radical" being put on anyone who speaks up for Christian values. Christians need to become more vocal and active in the affairs of our country. We can start by praying for the people now in office for the help and strength they need to do their jobs.

ALICE R. NEWTON  
El Cajon

## Agencies need volunteers for Thanksgiving programs

The following agencies need help in the form of donations and volunteers this holiday season. Ages indicated are the minimum required for each position.

**Adult Protective Services, Inc.** at 9065 Edgemoor Dr. in Santee has a day program with 35 or more adults, ages 29 - 97, with various needs and/or disabilities.

They are looking for entertainers and photographers for their Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and can call Kathy or Traci at 448-9300 for details.

**Alvarado Hospital & Medical Center** at 6599 Alvarado Rd. in San Diego is a skilled nursing facility providing for a diverse se-

nior population, offering programs and meals in three dining rooms.

They are looking for food servers who are 14 years old for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. Call Anne Monaco at 286-7421 for more information.

**Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs** at 8235 Mt. Vernon St. in Lemon Grove serves congregate and delivered nutritional meals to seniors Monday through Friday.

They are looking for decorators (age 12), delivery persons (ages 25) and food servers (age 15) for their Thanksgiving Day "Mom Meals." Call Joloiise Eade at 460-0430 for information.

## Letters to the Editor

### Wake up, Mr. Christie

I am very disappointed that you lightly regarded the runaways that are being caught up in prostitution ["Five Months with the Christian Coalition," Nov. 5 issue]. It is a very serious situation and a national epidemic. I presented facts and figures and you chose to ignore them.

For instance, 100 teens runaway every day in the state of California; 10,000 - 11,000 teens runaway every year in the County of San Diego; 5,000 runaways die each year from assault, illnesses not excluding AIDS and suicide (nationwide).

The reason for running away is family problems and rebellion, physical abuse, sexual abuse (most girls are sexually abused under the age of 10, and three is the average), alcohol and drug abuse, occult, lured by pimps on the Internet or introduced to pimps through friends (I never mentioned "Dungeons and Dragons").

Most of the teens that run away do come home within 24 hours, but according to the latest figures I have, in 1997, there were 499 in San Diego uncounted for and out on the streets subject to pimps. Statewide, there are 9,488 teens on the streets. And, yes some do get shipped to the orient. Also, the johns love the 11- and 12-year-olds.

My friends and I are continually doing research on this serious situation. It would have been wonderful if you would have been willing to help, but after reading your article, I realize that you really aren't a journalist, but someone who is into Christian-bashing and thinking it is funny.

But it is apparent that you are no different than the rest of the news media who really don't know what the word "truth" means. TIS A PITY, MR. CHRISTIE. There was much good that you could have done.

BEVERLY WYER  
El Cajon

### Local train buff included in show

Lemon Grove resident Errol Kubicki will be showing his 30-foot European model train exhibit at the Great American Train Show on Dec. 5 and 6 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

More than 10,000 model trains will be on display, including everything from state-of-the-art advanced models to old-fashioned American Flyer trains will be exhibited.

Frequent workshops on various topics related to the hobby of

model railroading will be given throughout both days.

Admission to the show is \$5 for adults (for both days) and children are admitted free with an adult. For more information, visit the event's web site at [www.gats.com](http://www.gats.com), or call 630-834-0652.

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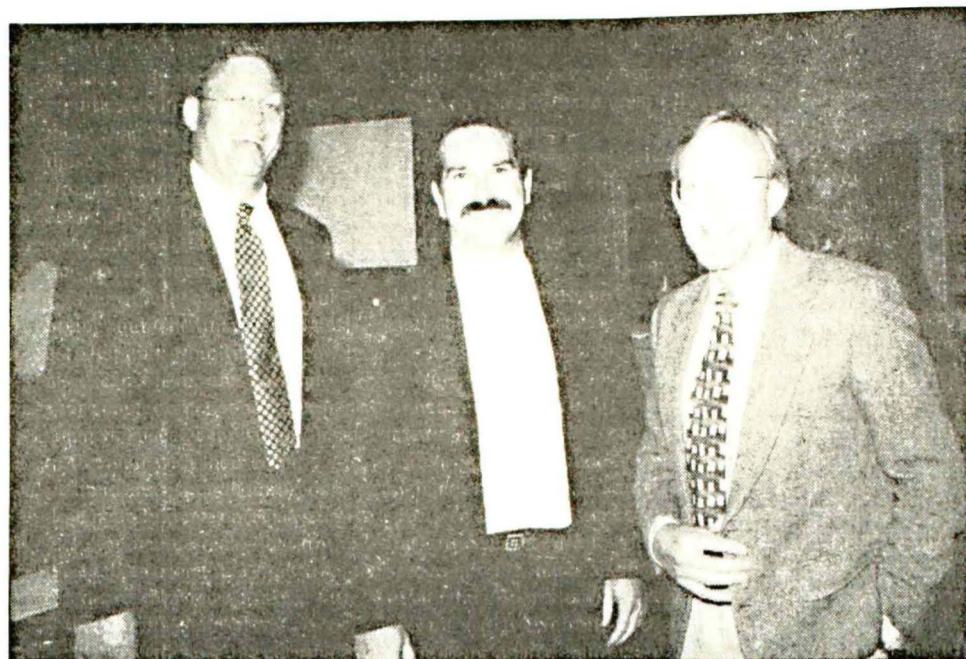
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## New dudes on the block



The Grossmont Union High School District Governing Board officially welcomed its new trustees-elect at last week's meeting. Ted Crooks (left), Gary Cass (center) and Dan McGeorge will be sworn in at the board's next regularly scheduled meeting Dec. 10.

Photo by Steven Saint

## SDG&E gives advice on firing up furnaces

As temperatures drop at night, many East County residents will be turning on their furnaces. This could be a cause of concern, however, especially if the furnace has been turned off for most of the year.

"Furnaces should be inspected annually to make sure they are safe," said Mike Lavach, manager of safety, health and emergency services for San Diego Gas & Electric. "A licensed heating contractor can do that."

A qualified technician should check a number of items when turning on the furnace. The flame in the furnace should be predominantly blue, possible with flecks of orange.

If the flame is primarily yellow, that indicates that the gas is not completely burning and is giving off carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas that is potentially lethal.

The technician will check to ensure that the furnace system is sound.

Other safety tips include:

- When the furnace is on, keep a window open an inch or two, to ensure that appliances have enough air to work properly.
- Never store items in, on or around the appliance that can obstruct air flow.

- Most forced-air units have a filter that cleans the air before heating and circulating it throughout the home. The filter should be checked regularly and cleaned or replaced if necessary.

- When installing a new or cleaned filter, be sure to properly re-install the front panel door of the furnace so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front panel door properly in place because doing so may risk personal injury or death.

- Check for signs of improper venting, which may include soot around the appliance or moisture on the inside of windows when the appliance is on.

- Vacuum regularly around the furnace, particularly around the burner compartment, to prevent a buildup of dust and lint.

- Do not use a barbecue or hibachi as a home heater, they produce carbon monoxide.

- Consider buying a carbon monoxide detector that has an audible alarm and is tested by the Underwriters Laboratory or the American Gas Association. Make sure it has a battery backup.

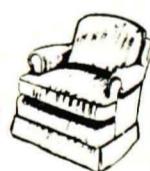
- Gas logs producing a soft yellow flame are also producing carbon monoxide. As long as the chimney is clear and drafting properly, and the chimney damper is completely open, the carbon monoxide will be drawn up the chimney and out of the home.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable," said Lavach. "If a furnace is properly maintained, there is no carbon monoxide danger."

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## MADD offers safety tips for the holidays

Precision Tune Auto Care and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) have joined forces to co-sponsor the "Tie One On for Safety" ribbon campaign focusing on sober and safe driving between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

During that period in 1996, an estimated 1,868 people were killed in traffic crashes involving alcohol.

For happier, safer holidays, the following tips are offered:

- Wearing safety belts is more than a law; it is a proven method of reducing fatalities.

- Don't drive if you're tired. Fatigue is a leading factor in auto accidents.

- Drive defensively. Though you follow all the rules, others may not. Anticipate problems before they happen.

- Make sure tires are sound and properly inflated, including a flare, a call-for help sign and a first-aid kit.

- Practice routine car maintenance including checks on brakes, hoses, belts, horn, windshield solvent, wipers, and back up, turn signal and headlights.



- In skids, do not panic! Keep your hands on the steering wheel.

Front wheel drive - counter-steer against the skid until you gain the desired direction. (If you skid to the right, steer right).

Anti-lock brakes - steer straight and apply brakes (do not pump), hold wheel tightly until you gain control.

- If your car has safety bags, be sure you are a safe distance from the steering wheel.

Do not permit children to sit in front passenger seat. Secure young children in an approved child safety seat in the back seat of the car.

- You never know when an emergency may occur. Be ready with a cellular phone that is charged and operable.

- Just as important as not drinking and driving is not permitting someone else to drink and drive.

Follow these suggestions if you'd like to save money on your gift-buying this year:

- Make a list of all the people you are buying for and how much you want to spend on each person.

- Once you've made your list, get your shopping out of the way as early as possible. The closer it gets to Christmas, the more people seem to get caught up in the

Studies show that during the holidays, people who use their credit cards to buy presents spend more than 30 percent more than those who use cash. Add in all the finance charges and you could spend up to 50 percent more on your holiday shopping than you may have wanted.

The month between Thanksgiving and Christmas is the busiest shopping time of the year. It also seems to be the one time of year people forget about their personal finances. They simply head to the mall with their credit cards in hand and spend hundreds of dollars on impulse purchases.

Some people make that trip to the mall two or three times. And of course, they have to get a little something for themselves.

Follow these suggestions if you'd like to save money on your gift-buying this year:

spending atmosphere. Also, by getting your holiday shopping over, you can enjoy the rest of the season free of stress.

- Avoid offers of free gifts to open a department store credit card. Having a long list of credit cards available to you damages your credit report. Furthermore, these types of cards have exorbitantly high interest rates.

- Most important, stick to it.

Other cost-saving tips include:

- Make your gifts. If you are artistic and like doing crafts, give people something you've made by hand. First of all, it's more appreciated by the person receiving the gift. Second, it's less expensive to buy the materials than it is to buy the gifts themselves.

- Try a gift exchange. If you come from a large family, put everyone's name in a hat and then draw names for who goes on your shopping list. That way, everyone buys one present instead of 10.

- Monitor your credit purchase totals daily or weekly so you know the total amount you have charged.

- Don't charge more than you can afford to repay within three months.

In the future, one of the best ways to save money on holiday shopping is to plan for it through the year. Many people buy gifts year round, then store the presents until the holidays get closer.

Make this holiday one of the most enjoyable ever and do it wisely. With a little effort, you'll have money left over for 1999.

## County begins huge technology upgrade

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors today approved a far-reaching plan to revamp the county's entire computer and communications system, with an eye toward providing better services to its customers in the new millennium.

County staff will now begin working with more than 20 firms to determine which are qualified to bid on the information technology contract. The county also will develop a "request for proposals" from companies interested in bid-

ding on the project. That request will be issued early next year.

"This initiative will allow us to replace an aging, fragmented system with the best and most up-to-date equipment and software available," said Chairman Greg Cox of the Board of Supervisors.

"Revamping our computer and communications systems is essential if our county work force is to provide the best services possible to our taxpayers, in the most cost-effective manner."

Currently, the county spends

nearly \$100 million each year on its computer and telecommunications systems. The information technology initiative could result in a contract for high-tech equipment and services of up to \$1 billion over 10 years.

The initiative aims to create a "Virtual County," in which residents could pay taxes, license their dogs, obtain birth certificates or receive other services via computer, either from home or at conveniently located computer kiosks that are accessible to the public.

The project will put the jobs of county information services employees at risk. The county will make every effort to help the employees find positions with the outside vendors, elsewhere in the county or in the private sector.

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# San Miguel Fire Board leans more towards firefighters after elections

by Jason Williams  
and Cheryl Cohen

If there were any doubts that the firefighters union could pull strings with the San Miguel Fire Board, they may have been dispelled for good with the election earlier this month.

Three union-backed firefighters will fill seats on the San Miguel Fire Board along with one incumbent, making its composition more sympathetic to firefighters than ever.

Criss Brainard, Dave Rickards and Chris Winter won four-year terms, deposing long-time board member Danny Reed.

Ben Pastore, the union's fourth pick, lost a bid for a two-year term to Chris Heiserman, who is not a firefighter and was not backed by the union. Heiserman, previously a board member, was appointed to fill the vacancy left when Capt. Thomas Rosenberger resigned.

Heiserman said he was not sure why the union did not back him and that they had not given any "official reason."

"They never said anything, never raised any issues about what may have been wrong with the current board," he said.

Heiserman said some are con-

cerned that the union is buying board seats, but the elections don't prove that out.

"Once candidates get on the board, they don't necessarily back everything pro-union," he said. "I've never seen it happen and I don't think that it translates into labor union board support."

Retired firefighter Reed, who lost his seat on the board this time around, disagrees.

Firefighter domination may be the key to understanding who the union endorsed for the elections.

"Some of my beliefs as a representative of the public went against what they wanted," said Reed, who advocated the board take a hard look at the benefits given firefighters. "Instead, they thought it would be better spent on pay raises and benefits. They were looking for people who will support their views and the way they spend their money."

When asked why he thought Heiserman wasn't backed by the union, Reed laughed.

"Chris wasn't supported because he wouldn't walk the party line of the local, support them blindfolded and take their word for everything," he said.

San Miguel Firefighters Association President Dave Allan was

vague about the union's endorsement process.

He said there was no specific reason why they did not back Heiserman. There was simply no interview and Pastore had come to them as a candidate.

"He's an advocate for the district," Allan said of Pastore. "A community type of guy — community activist — he's concerned with the community; he came to us and we supported him."

Allan said the major issue facing the board before the election was a new paramedic program which "affects the life and safety of the citizens."

This was one of the considerations in backing Brainard, Rickards and Winter — the union was looking to back candidates with emergency medical service background.

Heiserman said the paramedics elected have a good understanding of the issues and there is nothing wrong with the district.

"We do what's best for the citizens," he said.

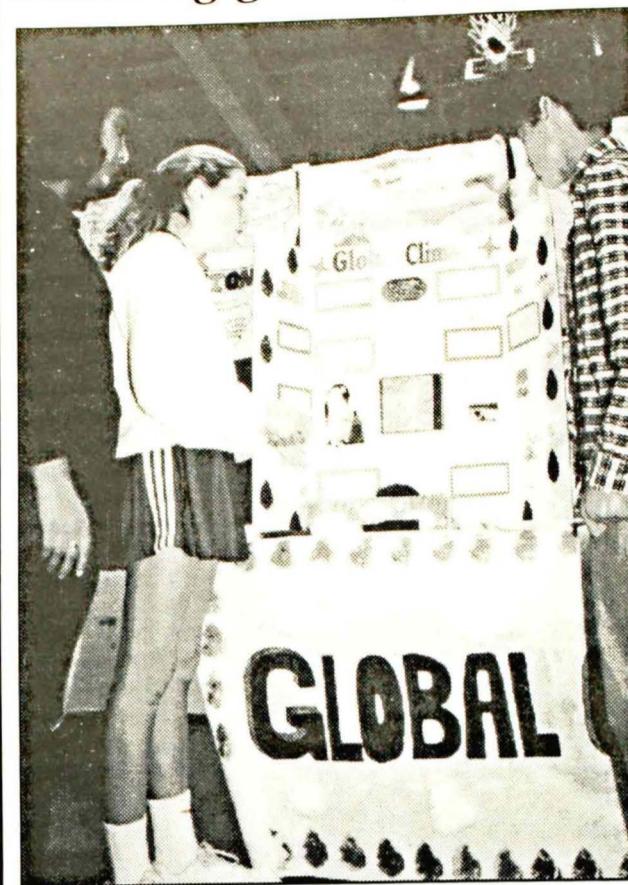
Reed disagrees.

"I'm not against them being the highest paid in the county, but sometimes they have to put their interests after those of the community," he said.

The firefighter-influenced board gave employees "unbelievable" vacation benefits and sick leave, he said.

The union president assures the community the firefighters do represent the community, not just their own interests.

## Thinking globally



Ryan Bartman (right) explores the question, "Does global warming harm humans?" at Helix High School's bi-annual Environmental Faire last week. Every Helix freshman participates through their geography and English classes, producing booths on local issues, parks and world environments, global issues, and disasters. Topics range from Nuclear Carriers in San Diego and the Downtown Stadium to Chemical Warfare and World Religions. This new requirement is geared toward preparing students for the Senior Project, a graduation requirement completed during a student's senior year, which involves a paper, project and speech surrounding a specific research topic. The project includes group activity and teamwork and is combination of writing, creating a project and a presentation.

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HOSAM D IDRIS

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The following registrant has abandoned use of the fictitious business name:

CRAIGE WALKER  
1174 REDWOOD AVE  
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The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on Feb. 24, 1994, and assigned File No. 94006186

Signature of Registrant

CRAIGE WALKER

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

OF  
**JOHN L. ANDERSON**  
CASE NO. P173622

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of **JOHN L. ANDERSON**

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE

requests that REEFEAL ANDERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

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# Earthquake

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"you're separated for two to three days," Adams said. "You have to have a game plan, and some way to communicate."

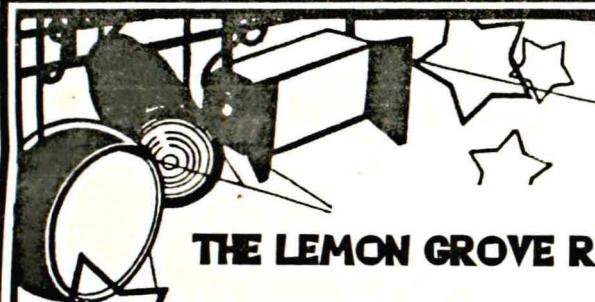
Adams suggested families have, at all times, the phone number of a relative who lives out of the area or even the state to act as a "point of contact" for separated family members. It's often easier to call long distance than locally after an emergency.

The most important thing a family can do, is to have a plan that is discussed and even practiced to assuage fear and disorganization when things are at their worst. The Red Cross also advises those with small children to pack an emergency lunch in metal containers to keep at school in case of emergency, with a calming note inside reminding them of the family plan, and that you're putting it into action.

Leave a note on your door if you have to leave, to let your family know where you are, say the experts. Include in your 72-hour emergency kit not only food and clothing, but prescription medications, spare car keys, a stash of cash, pair of glasses and special items for pets, infants or the elderly. Having a smaller kit in your car may be one of the most practical things to do. Keep the car gassed up. Gasoline pumps run on electricity, and proved to be a major problem after the Northridge quake.

"If we evacuate and clear an area, we're not going to let you back in until any threat is removed," reminds Detective Cameron T. Gary from the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station. He said that although law enforcement may seem a little forceful in their emergency efforts, citizens should not be dismayed. "Our number one priority is to protect lives over property."

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## Production is the stuff of dreams in 'La Vida es Sueno' at Grossmont

by Jason Williams

"Life is a dream," said Segismundo as he debated the reality of his experiences — his life shifting between that of a prisoner living in bondage within the belly of a dank cave and that of the prince of Poland, pampered and worshiped.

The character is played by D. Scott Bair in Grossmont College's production of "La Vida es Sueno" (Life is a Dream), written around 1636 by the Spanish playwright Pedro Calderon de la Barca and directed by David Kievit.

"Life is a Dream" is a romantic allegory, expressing the theme of free will versus destiny, or fate, through the character of Segismundo.

Segismundo is the son of the king of Poland, Basilio (Mell Schaer). His mother died in birth. His father heard a terrible prophecy that his son would challenge and defeat him. He had his son chained and raised in a cavern by Clotaldo (Justin Lieberknecht), an old man who educated Segismundo during his captivity.

In his old age, Basilio decides to test fate and bring his son back

to the palace under the pretense of a dream.

Upon waking into the palace, Segismundo is immediately corrupted by his new-found power, a state enhanced by his bitterness toward his father for locking him in a cave.

The shock of the new freedom and power drives him to near insanity, going so far as to test the limits of his power by throwing a servant off a balcony into the sea.

This portion of the play deals with the adage "power corrupts," turning the simple boy living in darkness into a monster as soon as he sees the light.

Upon discovering the murder, Basilio is devastated and condemns his son to a life in the cave from which he came, believing he is the monster spoke of in the prophecy. Segismundo scoffs at his father the king, believing he is near-invincible as prince.

"I warn you, you may find yourself dreaming though you think yourself awake," said Basilio.

Clotaldo returns Segismundo to the cave where he convinces him the events were merely those of a dream and instructs the fallen

prince that even in dreams he should do what is right.

The brief moments between his acts of rage as Segismundo is looking at things he has never seen before are portrayed well by both the playwright and Bair in the role. Seeing for the first time a beautiful woman, Rosaura, he exclaims, "If there are things which strike me it is the beauty of a woman."

Kievit uses the entire space of the theater-in-the-round, bringing the actors in and out of the audience, making for a more involved performance.

The colors of the sets were sufficient to make a visual transition from a cavern prison to a king's palace.

The costumes were magnificent and cast the characters in their social positions, bringing to life the ancient and foreign world of three century old Poland.

The performance was powerful and was made so by a handful of fine actors. As for the story — Oedipus Rex with a happy ending and no incest.

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